

# Structure of Neutron and Strange Stars

## Important observables:

- Mass – limits softening from ‘exotic’ components (hyperons, Bose condensates, quarks)

Limits highest possible density in stars

Accumulating evidence for  $M_{max} > 1.5 M_\odot$

- Radius – limits isospin dependence of nuclear interactions

$$R \propto P^{1/4} (1 - 2n_o, x \simeq 0) \propto \left( \frac{dS_v(n)}{dn} \right)^{1/4}_{1-2n_o, x \simeq 0}$$

$P$  uncertain to factor  $\sim 6$

Different physics ( $M_{max} \neq f(S_v(n))$ )

Must disentangle  $R_\infty = R / \sqrt{1 - 2GM/Rc^2}$

New information for  $S_v(n < n_o)$  from PREX

Beware of small  $R_\infty$  – strange star inference  
(Usov & Page 2002)

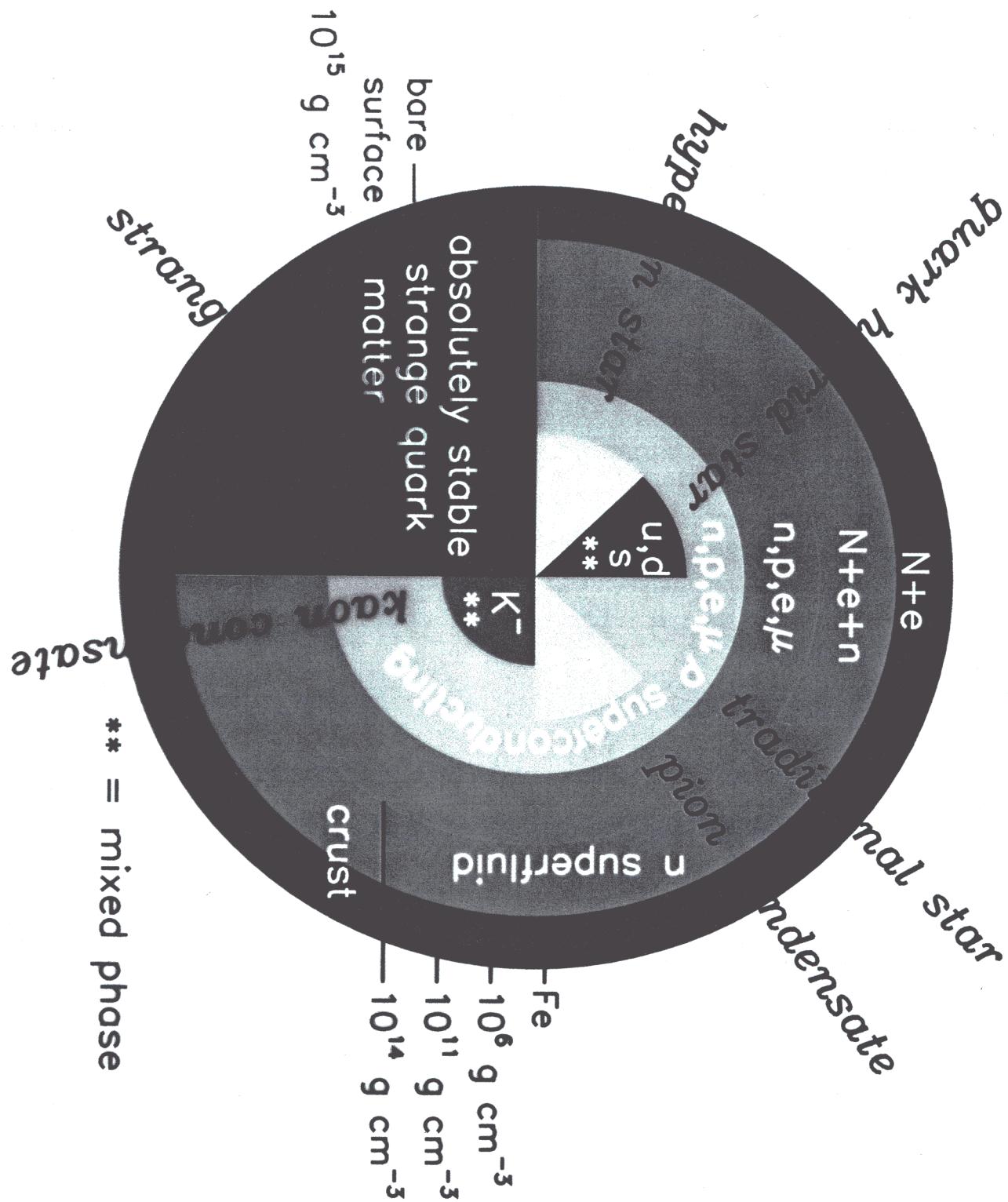
- Temperature-Age – possible indicator for existence of ‘exotic’ interior composition

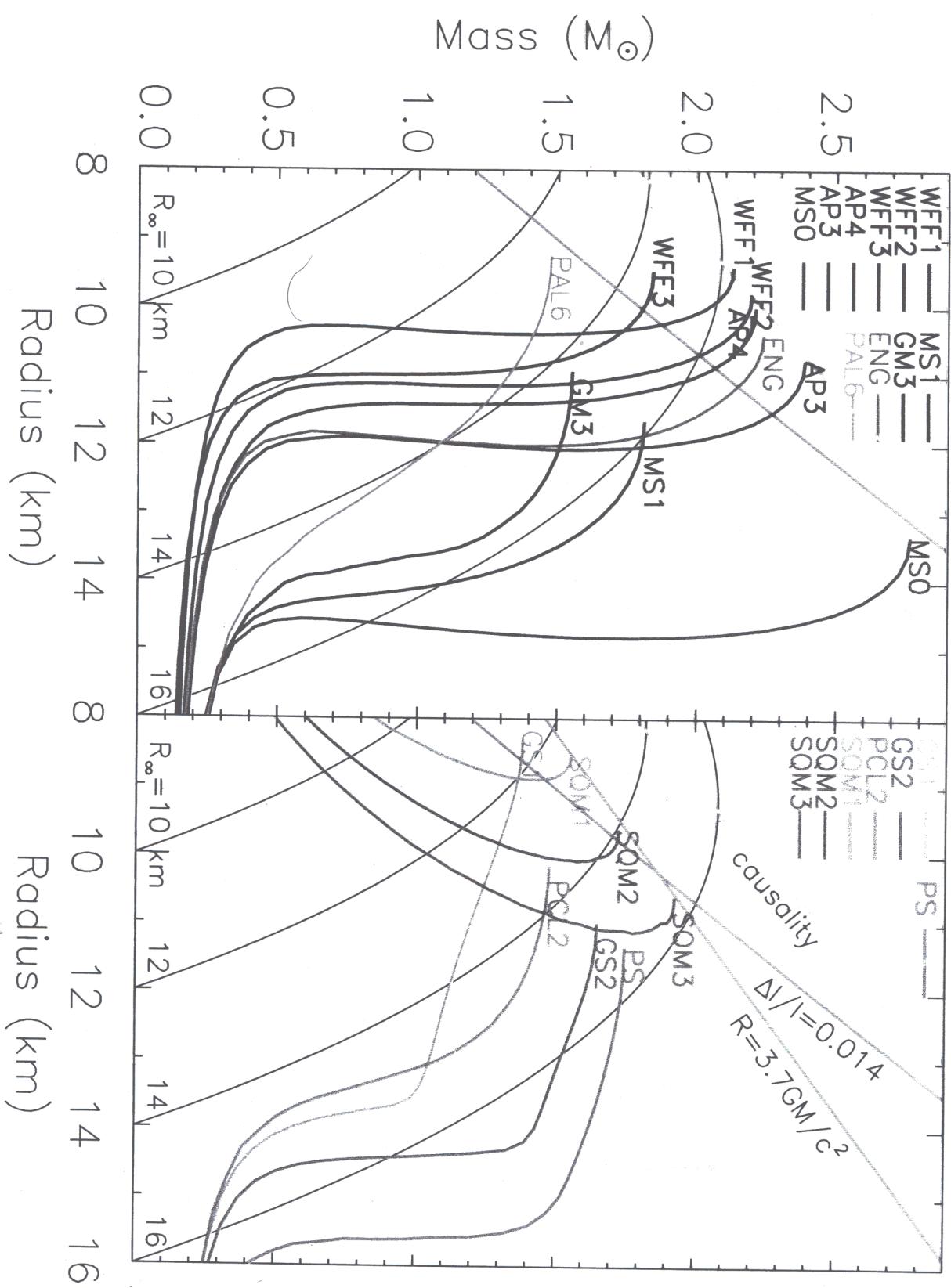
3C58, Vela (e.g. S. Tsuruta’s talk)

Beware of uncertainties in  $T$ , distance

Degenerate rapid cooling/superfluid models

Large  $M_{max}$  + rapid cooling  $\rightarrow$  direct nucleon URCA?





## General Constraints on Structure

- GR:  $R > R_{sh} = 2GM/c^2 = 2.95 \frac{M}{M_\odot}$  km
- GR + causality:  $R \geq 1.52R_{sh} = 4.48 \frac{M}{M_\odot}$  km  
(Lattimer et al. 1990; Glendenning 1992)
- GR:  $M_{max} < 4.2 \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_o}} M_\odot$  (Rhoades & Ruffini '74)
- Binary Pulsar PSR 1913+16:  $M_{max} > 1.442 M_\odot$
- $R$  independent of  $M$  in range 0.5–1.5  $M_\odot$
- Wide range in  $R_{1.4}$ : 9–16 km
- No  $M_{max} - R_{1.4}$  correlation: “stiffness”?
- $d \ln P / d \ln \rho \approx 2$ : polytrope  $n \approx 1$
- Wide variation:  $1 < P(\rho_s)/\text{MeV fm}^{-3} < 6$

Newtonian polytropic relations:

$$P = K\rho^\gamma = K\rho^{1+1/n}$$

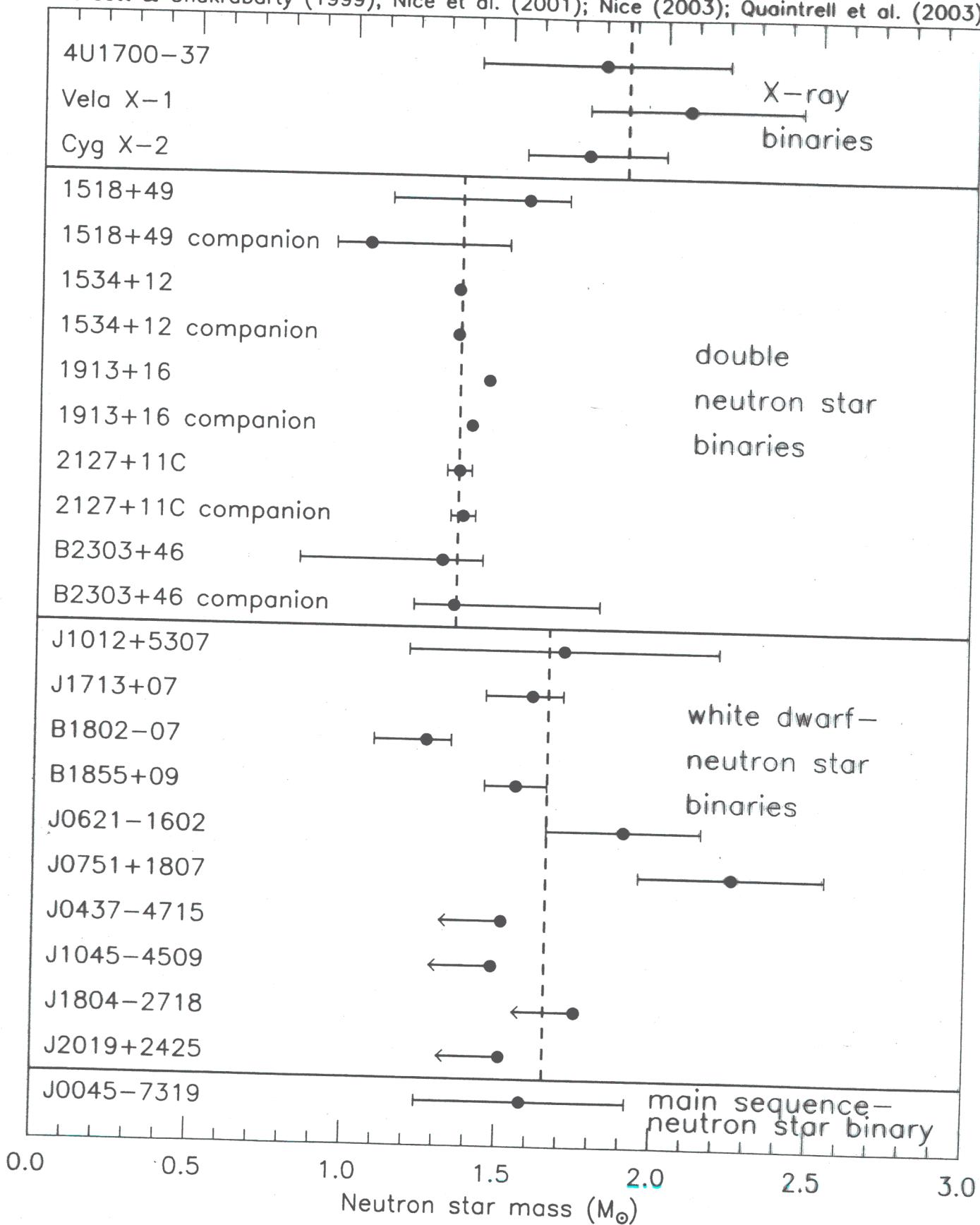
$$R \propto K^{n/(3-n)} M^{(1-n)/(3-n)}$$

With  $n \simeq 1$ ,  $R \propto K^{1/2} M^0 \propto P^{1/2} \rho^{-1}$ .

GR phenomenological result (Lattimer & Prakash '01):

$$R \propto K^{1/4} \propto P^{1/4} \rho^{-1/2}$$

Thorsett & Chakrabarty (1999); Nice et al. (2001); Nice (2003); Quaintrell et al. (2003)



## Quasi-Periodic Oscillators (QPOs)

van der Klis et al.; Kaaret, Ford & Chen;  
Zhang, Strohmayer & Swank

4U 1636-536: 1171 Hz upper peak frequency

Sonic-point beat-frequency model associates this frequency with the Keplerian frequency of inner edge of accretion disc near marginally stable orbit.

$$R_{ms} = 6 \frac{GM}{c^2} \quad (\text{Schwarzschild } \Omega_{NS} = 0)$$

Since  $R < R_{ms}$ ,

$$M < \frac{c^3}{2\pi\sqrt{216}G\nu_K} = 2.2 \left( \frac{1000 \text{ Hz}}{\nu_K} \right) M_\odot,$$

$$R < 19.4 \left( \frac{1000 \text{ Hz}}{\nu_K} \right) \text{ km}$$

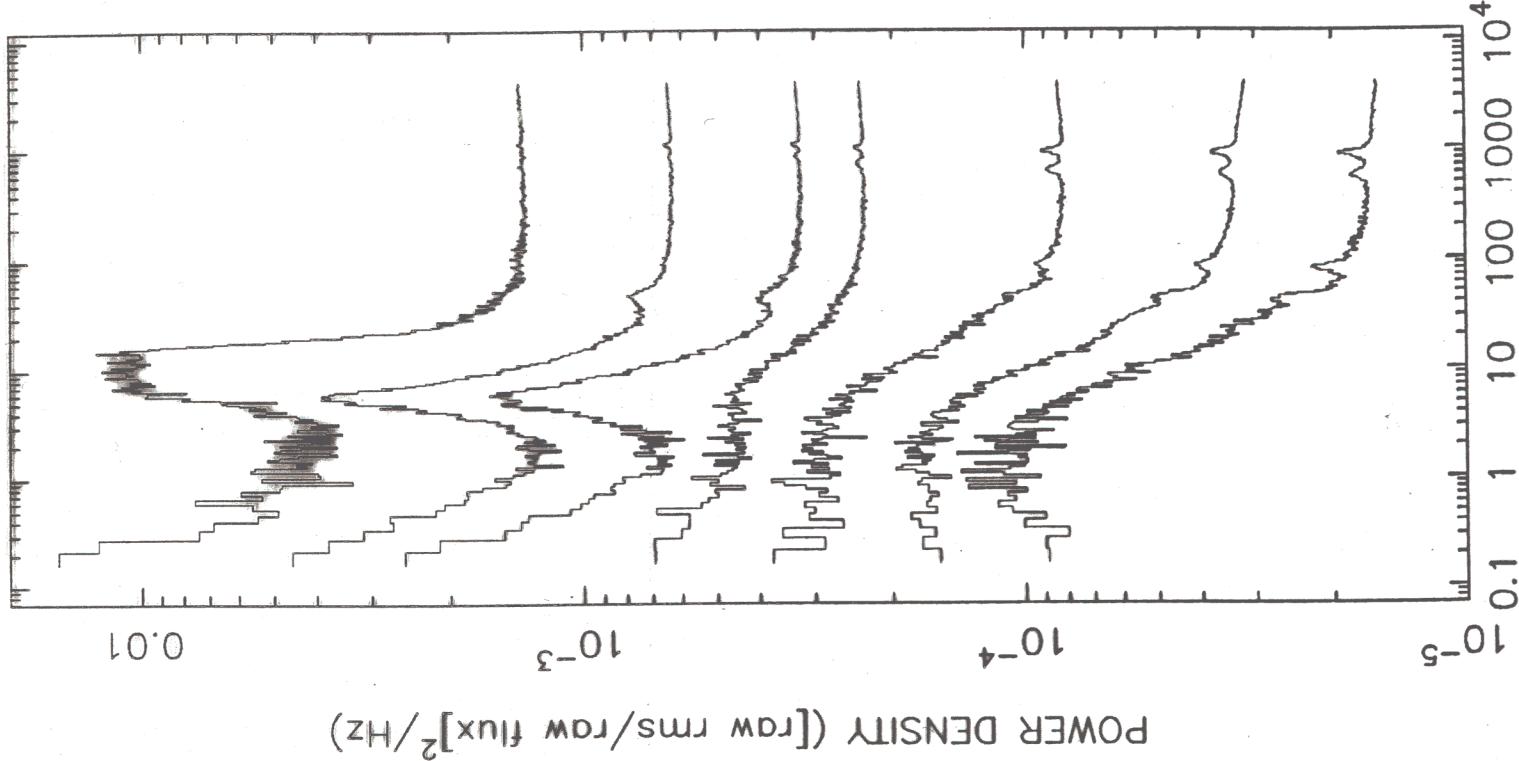
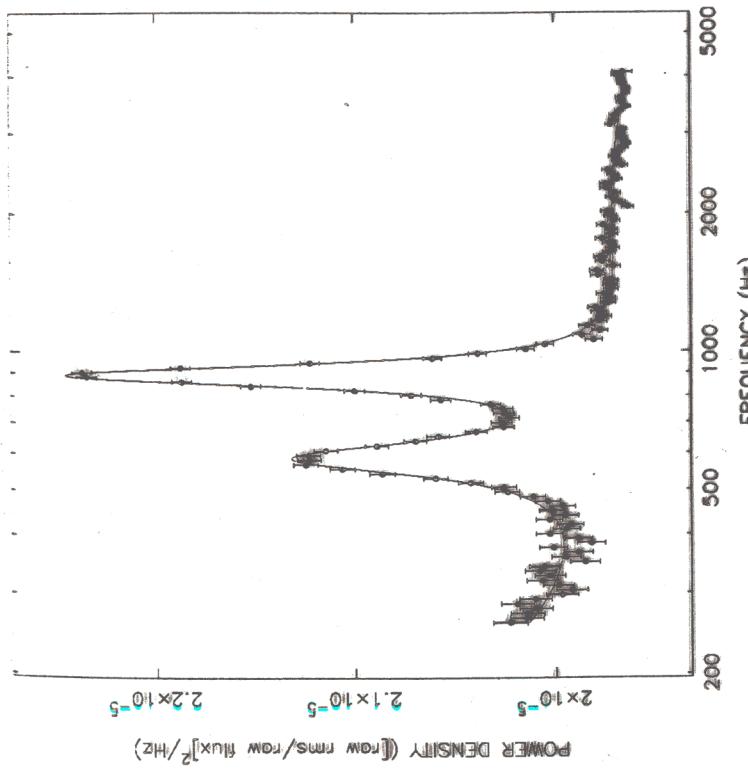


FIG. 1.—Power spectrum from  $\sim 10$  ks of data showing double kilohertz OPO peaks, with best fit superimposed. Note the absence of additional peaks. The sloping continuum above 1 kHz is instrumental (§ 2).



## Important Analytic Solutions in GR

1. Incompressible Fluid (Schwarzschild 1916),  
 $\rho_{surface} \neq 0, c_s^2 = \infty$ :

$$\rho = \rho_c \quad R = \left( \frac{3GM}{4\pi\rho_c} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{GM}{Rc^2} < \frac{4}{9} \text{ for } P < \infty$$

2. Tolman VII (1939),  $\rho_{surface} = 0$ :

$$\rho = \rho_c \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \quad R = \left( \frac{15GM}{8\pi\rho_c} \right)^{1/3}$$

3. Buchdahl (1967),  $\rho_{surface} = 0$ :

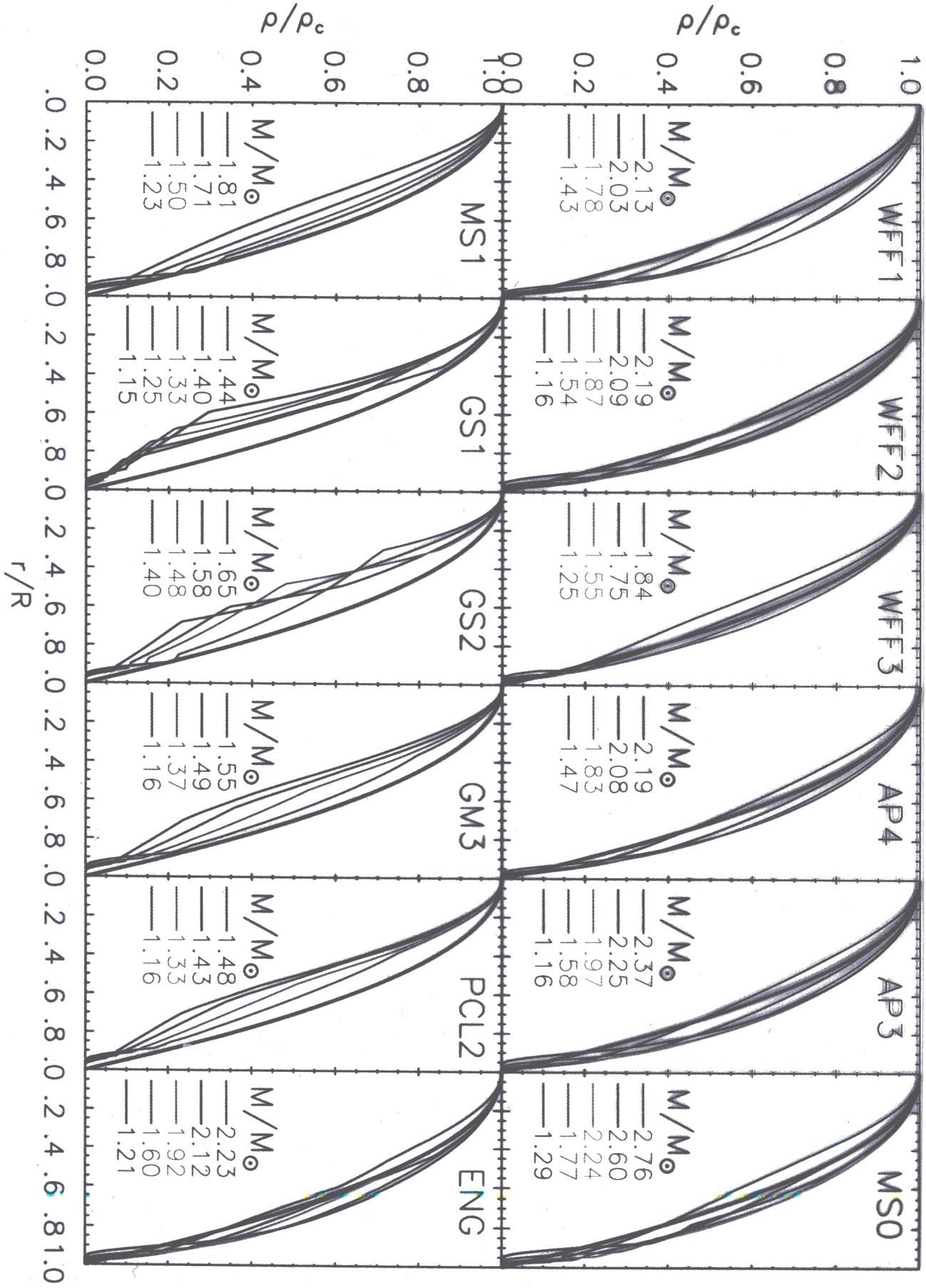
$$\rho c^2 = \sqrt{PP_*} - 5P$$

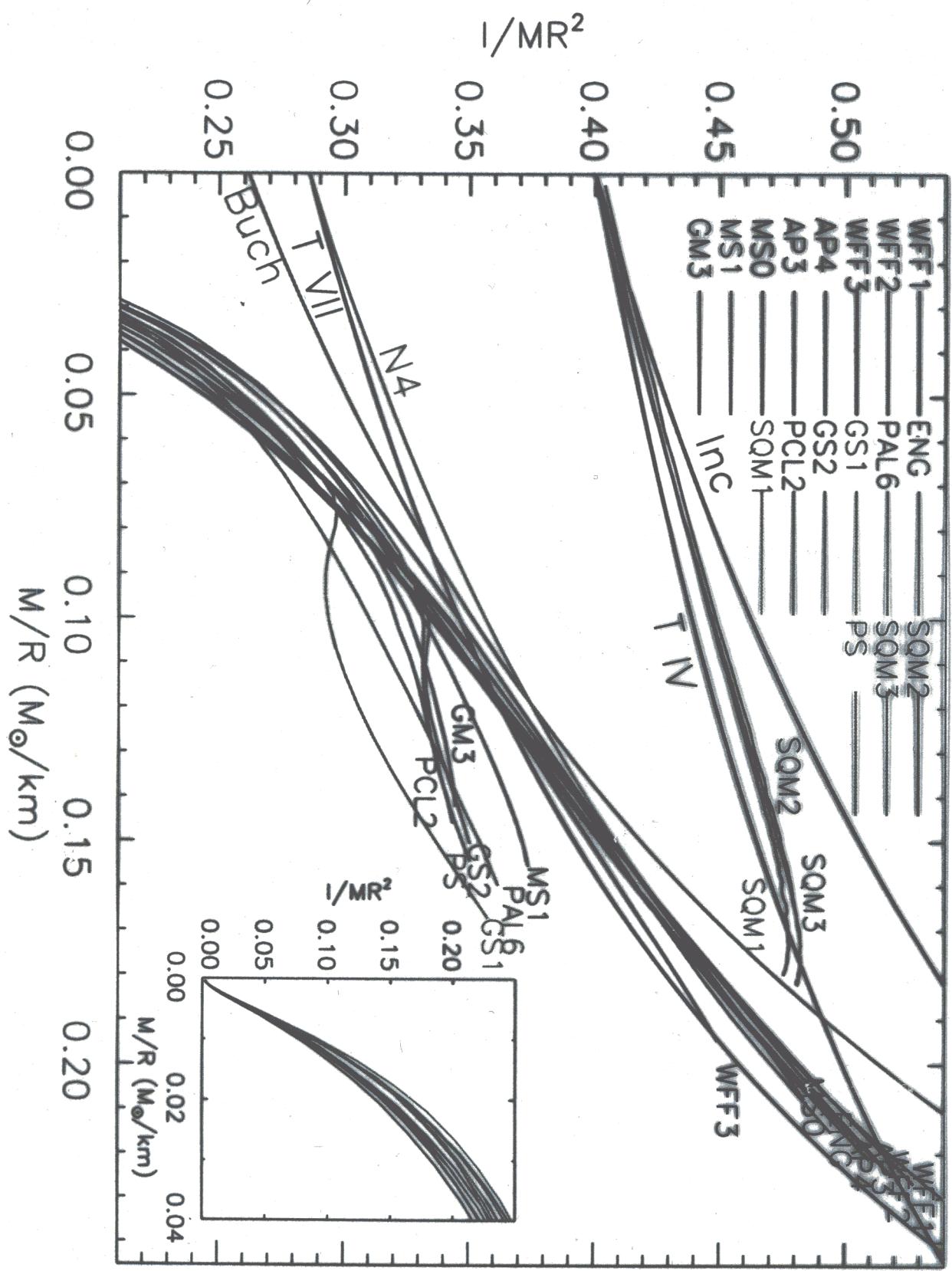
$$R = (1 - \beta) \sqrt{\frac{\pi c^4}{2GP_*(1 - 2\beta)}}$$

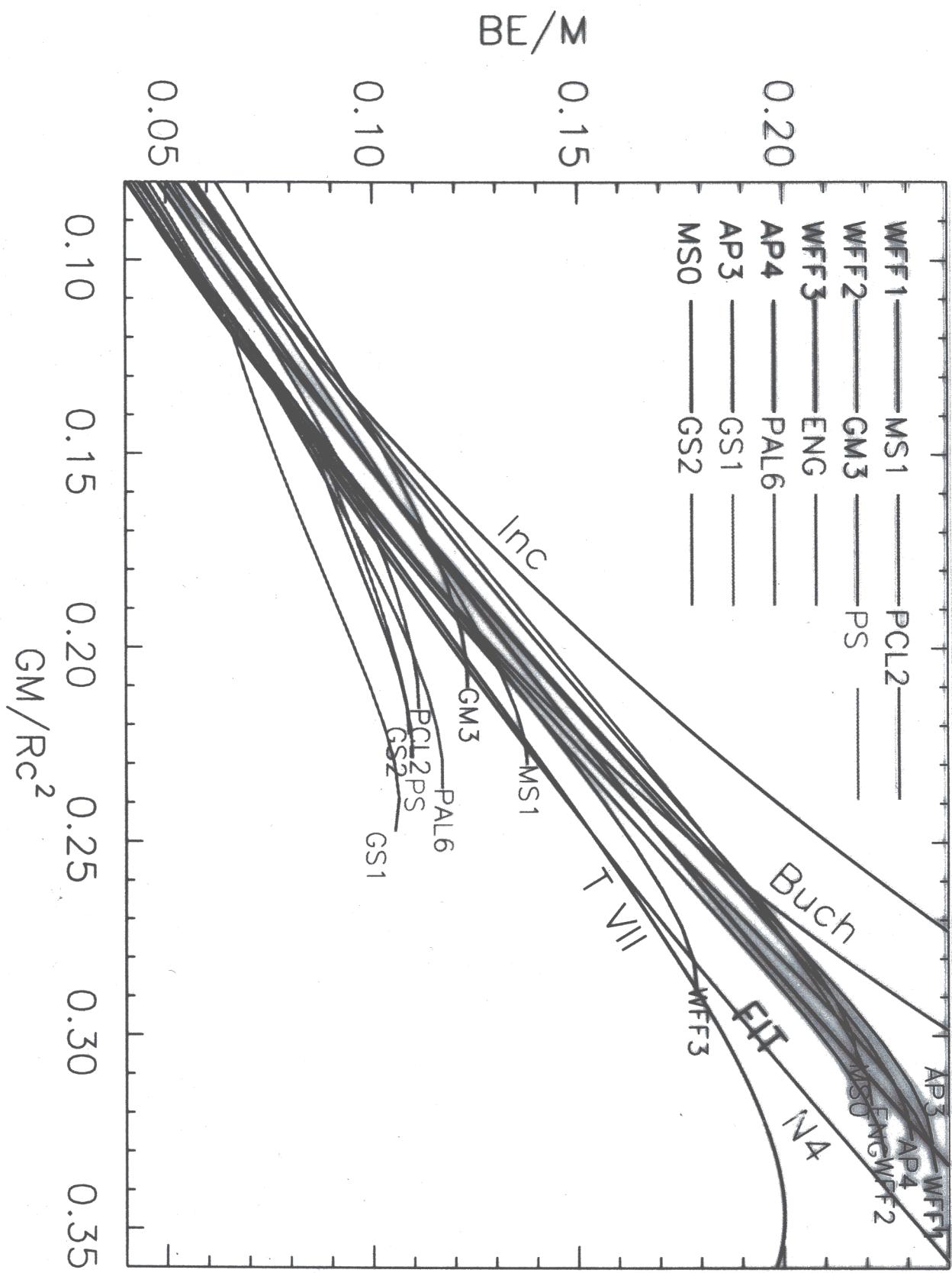
4. Variant of Tolman IV (1939); Neary, Lake & Lattimer (2003),  $\rho_{surface} \neq 0, c_s^2 \simeq 1/3$ :

$$4\pi\rho R^2 = \beta (2 - 2\beta)^{2/3} \frac{6 - 15\beta + 5\beta \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2}{\left(2 - 5\beta + 3\beta \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right)^{5/3}}$$

$$4\pi \frac{P}{c^2} R^2 = \frac{\beta}{2 - 5\beta + \beta \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2} \left[ 2 - \frac{(2 - 2\beta)^{2/3} \left(2 - 5\beta + 5\beta \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right)}{\left(2 - 5\beta + 3\beta \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right)^{2/3}} \right]$$







## Maximum Possible Density in Stars

If EOS “known” up to fiducial density  $\rho_f$  and causal above  $\rho_f$ :

$$M_{max} \simeq 4.1 \left( \frac{\rho_{sat}}{\rho_f} \right)^{1/2} M_\odot \quad (\text{Rhoades \& Ruffini 1974})$$

$$\rho_{sat} = 2.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$R_{M_{max}} \simeq 3 \frac{GM_{max}}{c^2} = 18.1 \left( \frac{\rho_{sat}}{\rho_f} \right)^{1/2} \text{ km}$$

Most “compact” EOS is incompressible fluid:

$$\rho_{c,Inc} = \frac{3}{4\pi} \left( \frac{c^2}{3G} \right)^3 \frac{1}{M^2} = 5.5 \times 10^{15} \left( \frac{M_\odot}{M} \right)^2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

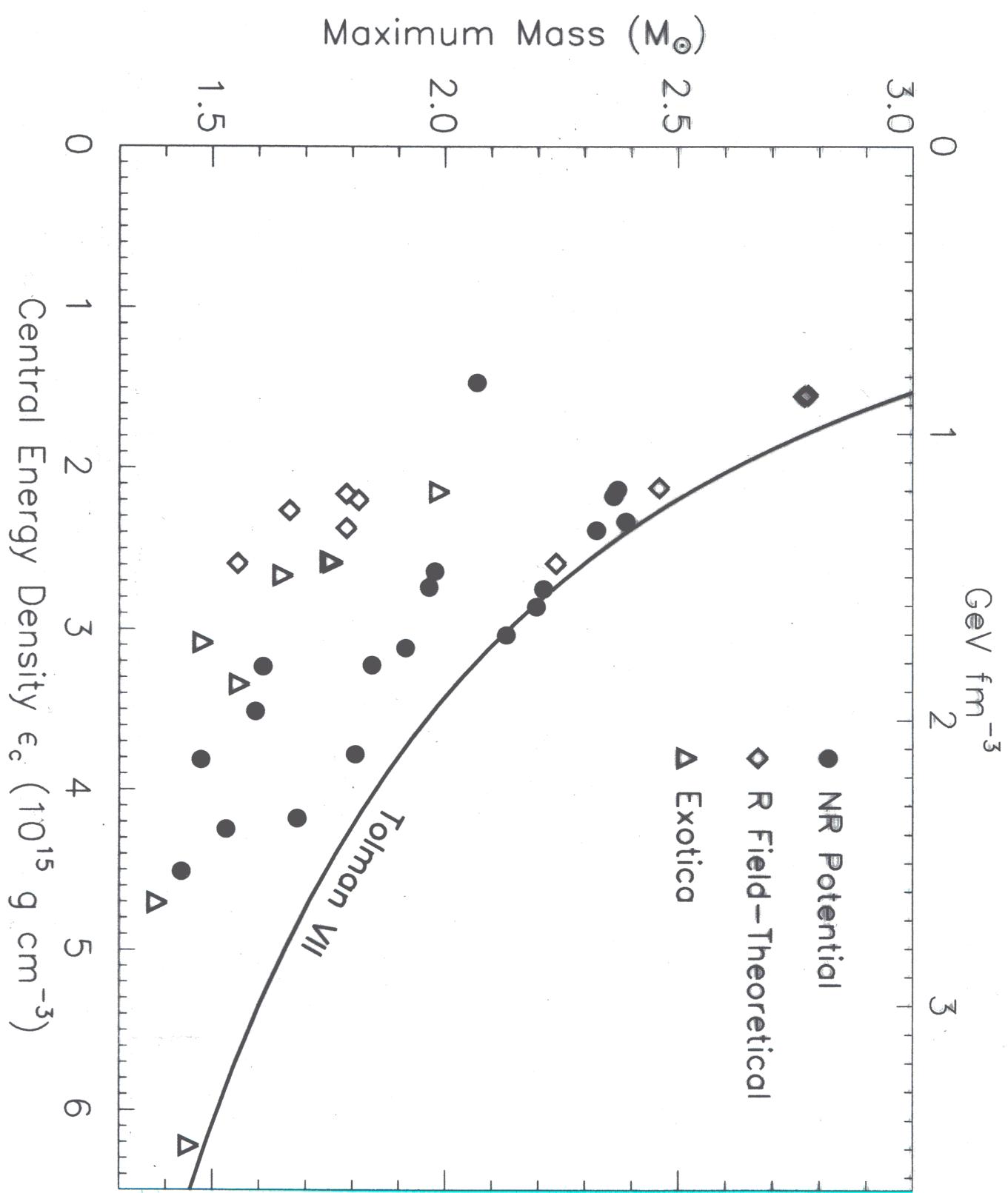
This EOS violates causality,  $\rho_{surface} \neq 0$ .

Phenomenologically, no “realistic” EOS has a greater  $\rho_c$  than Tolman VII solution ( $\rho = \rho_c[1 - (r/R)^2]$ ):

$$\rho_{c,VII} = \frac{5}{2} \rho_{c,Inc} = 13.8 \times 10^{15} \left( \frac{M_\odot}{M} \right)^2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

This is the MAXIMUM density possible.

$$2.2 M_\odot \Rightarrow \rho_{max} < 2.9 \times 10^{15} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$



# Compact Star Radii from Thermal Observations

## Blackbody

$$L_{XBB,\infty} = 4\pi R_{XBB,\infty}^2 \sigma T_{XBB,\infty}^4$$
$$R_\infty = R/\sqrt{1 - 2GM/Rc^2} \quad T_\infty = T\sqrt{1 - 2GM/Rc^2}$$
$$L_\infty = L(1 - 2GM/Rc^2)$$

## Optical Rayleigh-Jeans Tail

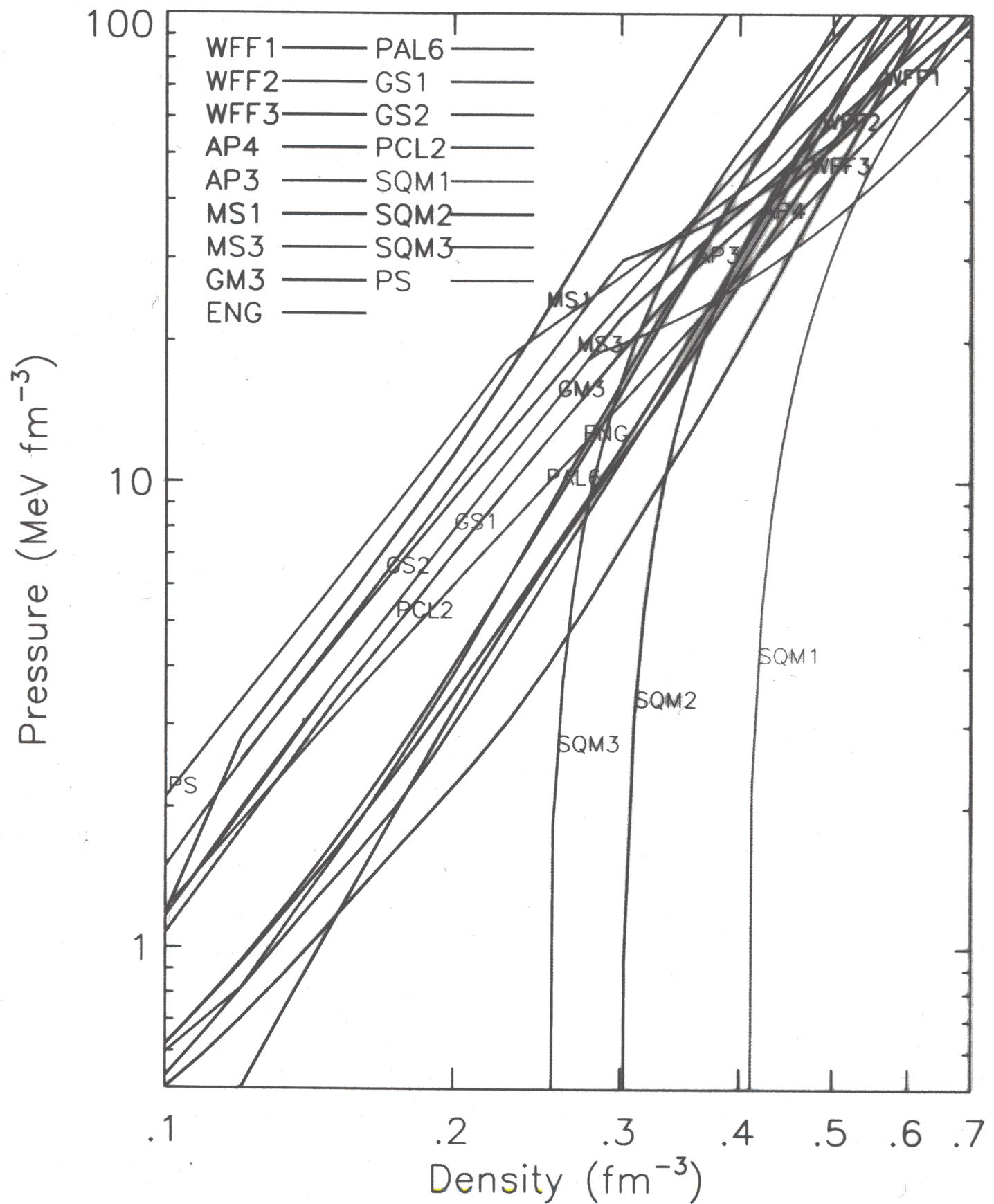
$$L_{opt,\infty} = 4\pi R_{opt,\infty}^2 \sigma' T_{opt,\infty}$$
$$L_{optBB,\infty} = 4\pi R_{XBB,\infty}^2 \sigma' T_{XBB,\infty}$$

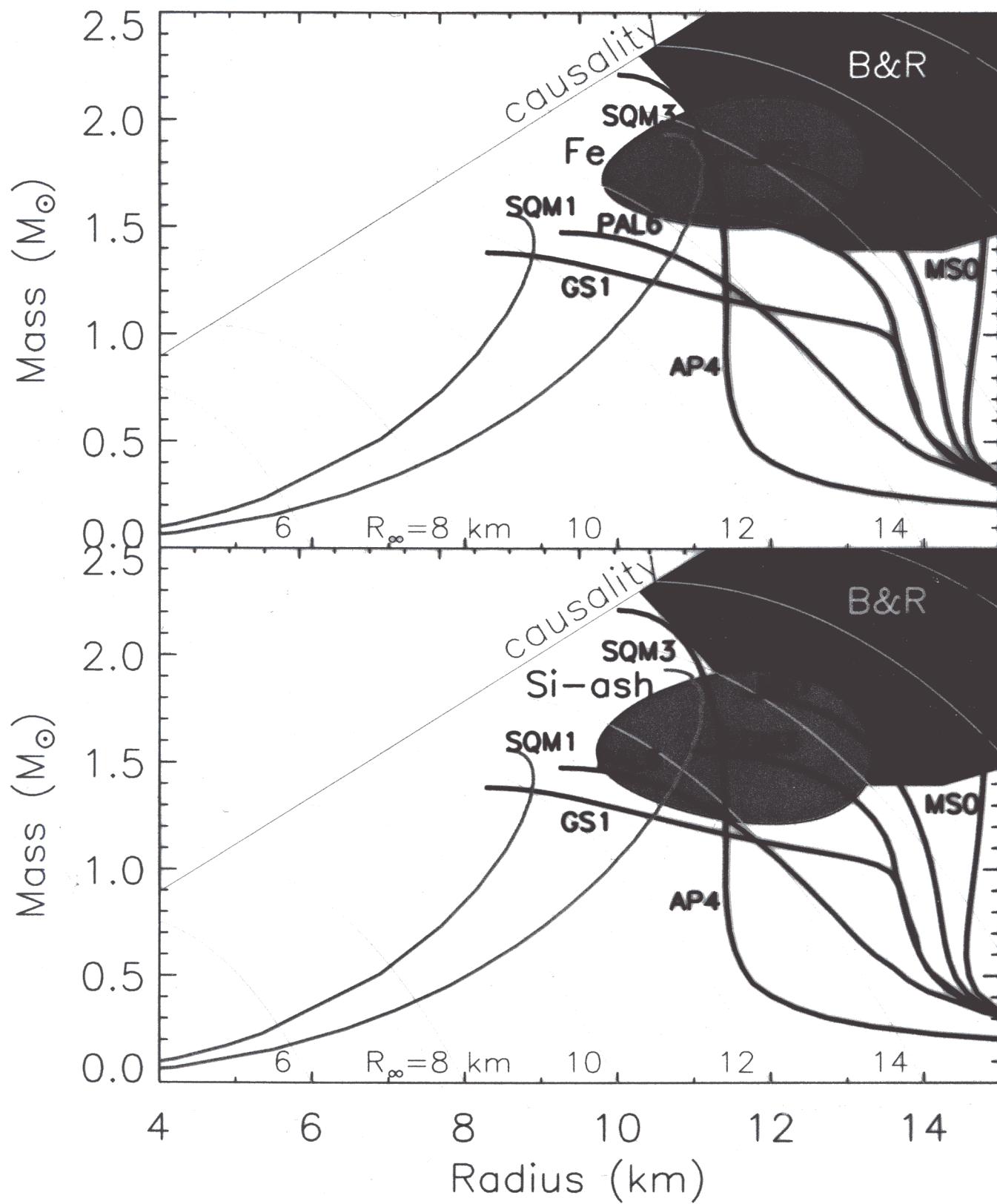
## Optical Excess

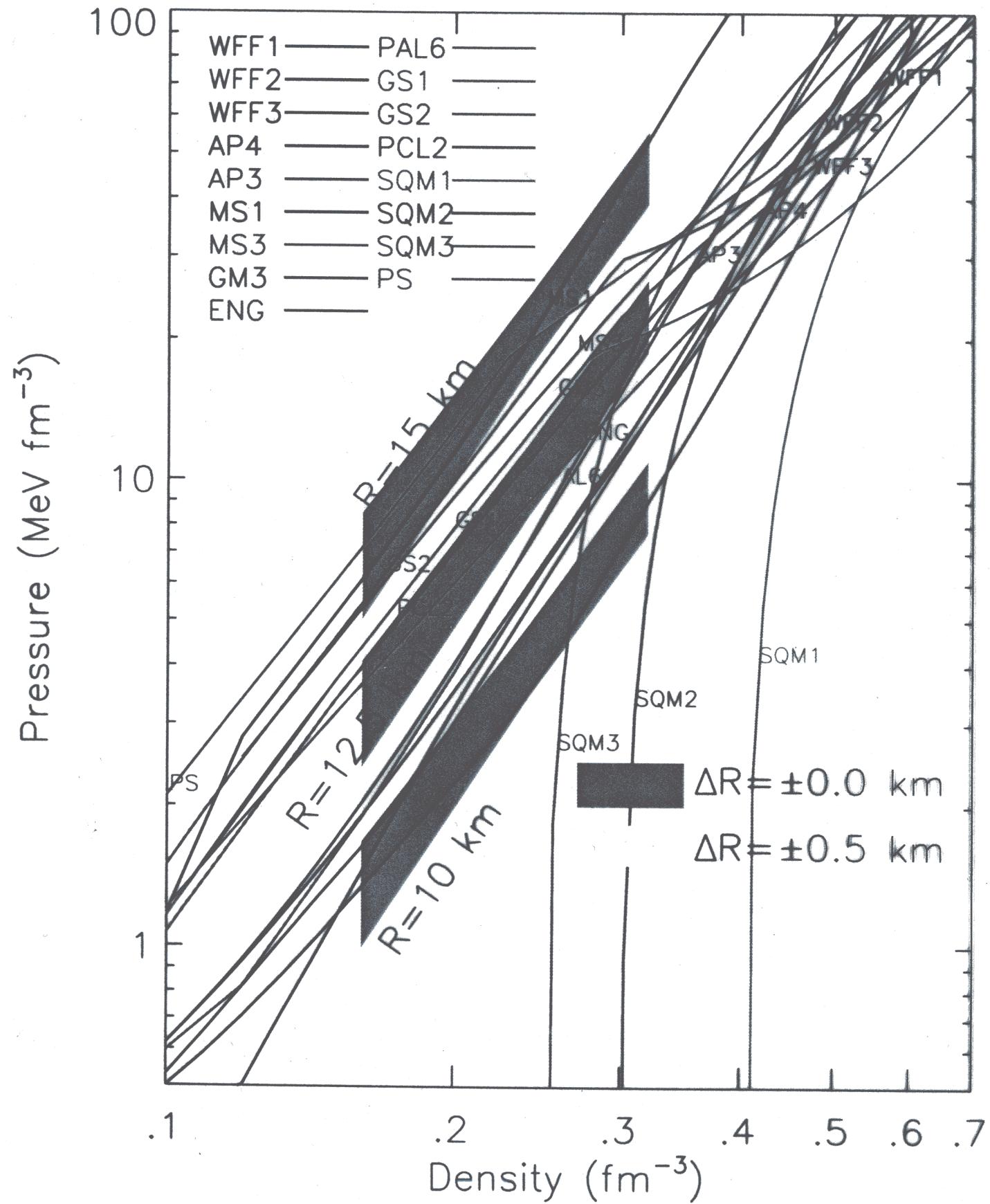
$$f = L_{opt,\infty}/L_{optBB,\infty} \sim 5 - 10$$

$$R_\infty = \sqrt{R_{XBB,\infty}^2 + R_{opt,\infty}^2}$$
$$= R_{XBB,\infty} \sqrt{1 + \frac{fT_{XBB,\infty}}{T_{opt,\infty}}}$$

$$\frac{T_{XBB,\infty}}{T_{opt,\infty}} \simeq 2 \quad \frac{R_\infty}{R_{XBB,\infty}} \simeq 3 - 4$$







## Conclusions

Radius is a powerful diagnostic of EOS in the vicinity of  $P_{\text{sat}}$ .

Direct determination of pressure  
→ density dependence of symmetry energy

Possible appearance of exotic phases

Mass is a constraint on strange quark matter.

Maximum mass  $\Rightarrow$  maximum possible density at zero temperature

Temperature and age can constrain existence of exotic phases + superfluidity.